Employment and Conditions of Service) Bill, 1988.

The question was proposed.

SHRI JIBON ROY (West Bengal): Sir, as such I have to objection to the withdrawal of the Bill, but there is an apprehension and there are some suggestions which I want to submit before the hon. Minister. ...(*Interruptions*)...

AN HON. MEMBER: He wants to bring another Bill.

SHRI JIBON ROY: I have no objection to that also. But there should be a purpose; it should not be merely some cosmetic touch. Probably more than five million construction workers are involved. It is the most traditional and the oldest industry in our country in which the largest number of workers are involved—and their condition is very serious. They require legislative support in three areas.

One area is regulation of welfare measures and service conditions. The second area is wages. The third area is regulation of employment. Now, since you have mentioned the name of hon. Mr. Justice Krishna Iyer, Mr. Justice Krishna Iyer raised an objection to 1988 Bill raising all these points. I am apprehensive whether the new Bill will take care of all these aspects. I understand that you are thinking of some welfare measures. But what about the question of wages and the question of regulation of employment also, which is the most important thing, because a construction worker's life is the most uncertain life though he is in the largest industry? The construction workers were demanding that the kind of a Labour Board as exists in the shipping industry be formed for them also at the national level, State level and district level. In many places there is also some system which is working for the regulation of employment. So, to assist them and to see that there employment is ensured, at least on rotation it should be there just as the Shipping Board is there. That is why my submission to you is, while introducing this Bill, you please take care of all these aspects and not the elections alone. That is my submission. Thank you.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI MD. SALIM): Mr. Minister, do you want to react?

SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY: Sir, if there is any new, practical suggestion coming from the hon. member, I will agree to it here itself. You please suggest something. But you don't have any practical suggestion for the construction workers. Sir, I want to satisfy the hon. Member. You please see the new Bill, and if there is anything wrong in it, at that time you please speak. Then we will consider it.

SHRI JIBON ROY: Thank you.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI MD. SALIM): The question is:

> "That leave be granted to withdraw the Building and other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Bill, 1988".

The motion was adopted.

SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY: Sir, I withdraw the Bill.

STATEMENT REGARDING ORDINANCE

CIRCUMSTANCES NECESSITATING PROCLAMATION OF THE INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE, 1995

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) explaining the circumstances which had necessitated immediate legislation by the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Ordinance, 1995.

THE INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1995

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): Sir, I